

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply (21 pages)
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Amendment Transmittal Form (pages)

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.117(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

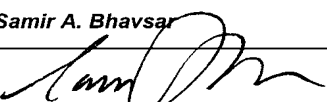
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- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e) in the amount of \$790.00
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. 1.136 and 1.17) in the amount of \$120.00
- iii. ☐ Other Additional Claims
- b. ☐ Checks in the amount of \$ 790.00 (RCE fee), \$ 120.00 (Extension of time) are enclosed.
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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